

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN CHRIS AHNER**, on March 4, 1999 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 104 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Chris Ahner, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Rod Bitney, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. David Ewer, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Joan Andersen (R)  
Rep. Sylvia Bookout-Reinicke (R)  
Rep. Edith Clark (R)  
Rep. Tom Dell (D)  
Rep. Toni Hagener (D)  
Rep. Sam Kitzenberg (R)  
Rep. Bob Lawson (R)  
Rep. Jeff Mangan (D)  
Rep. Mark Noennig (R)  
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)  
Rep. Carley Tuss (D)  
Rep. Cindy Younkin (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Roy Brown (R)  
Rep. Steven Gallus (D)  
Rep. Scott J. Orr (R)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Bart Campbell, Legislative Branch  
Kimberly Walkenhorst, Committee Secretary

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SB166, 3/4/1999; SB180,  
3/4/1999; SB207, 3/4/1999;  
SB225, 3/4/1999

Executive Action:

**HEARING ON SB207**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** Sen. Glenn Roush, SD43

**EXHIBIT**(loh49a01)

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**Proponents' Testimony:**

Gary Pfister, Cut Bank Education Association

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 7}***

Gordon Morris, Montana Association of Counties

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 9.2}***

Mary Allen, Granite and Powell Counties

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 9.6}***

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 10.1}***

**Closing Statement by Sponsor:** Sen. Glenn Roush

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 1.6}***

**HEARING ON SB180**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** Sen. John Hertel, SD47

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 3}***

**Proponents' Testimony:**

John Bloomquist, Montana Stock Growers Association

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 6.7}***

John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 9}***

Gordon Morris, Montana Association of Counties **EXHIBIT**(loh49a02)

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**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 13.2}***

**Closing Statement by Sponsor:** Sen. John Hertel  
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 23.8}

**HEARING ON SB225**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** Sen. John Hertel, SD47  
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 26.4}

**Proponents' Testimony:**

Kathie Bailey, Fergus County  
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 29.5}

Bill Kennedy, Commissioner Yellowstone County  
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 1.9}

Gordon Morris, Montana Association of Counties  
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 8.2}

**Opponents' Testimony:**

Margaret Morgan, Montana Association of Realtors  
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 9}

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**  
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 13}

**Closing Statement by Sponsor:** Sen. John Hertel  
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 10}

**HEARING ON SB166**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** Sen. J.D. Lynch, SD19  
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 11.7}

**Proponents' Testimony:**

Bob Gilbert, Montana Tow Trucks Association  
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 15.2}

Milo Casagrande, Butte  
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 17.6}

Bill Sparr, Missoula County  
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 18.2}

Jim Dusenbury, J and D Truck Repair

**{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 18.5}**

Brenda Nordlund, Department of Justice

**{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 19}**

**Opponents' Testimony:**

Henry Lohr, Hank's Salvage **EXHIBIT**(loh49a03)

**{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 20.6}**

**Informational:**

John Dilliard, Department of Environmental Equality

**{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 22.5}**

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

**{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 23}**

**Closing Statement by Sponsor:** Sen. J.D. Lynch

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A subcommittee was formed to discuss and revise SB225. Reps. Younkin, Dell, Ewer, and Noennig were assigned to the committee.

**{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 13}**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:12 P.M.

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REP. CHRIS AHNER, Chairman

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KIMBERLY WALKENHORST, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT (loh49aad)**